

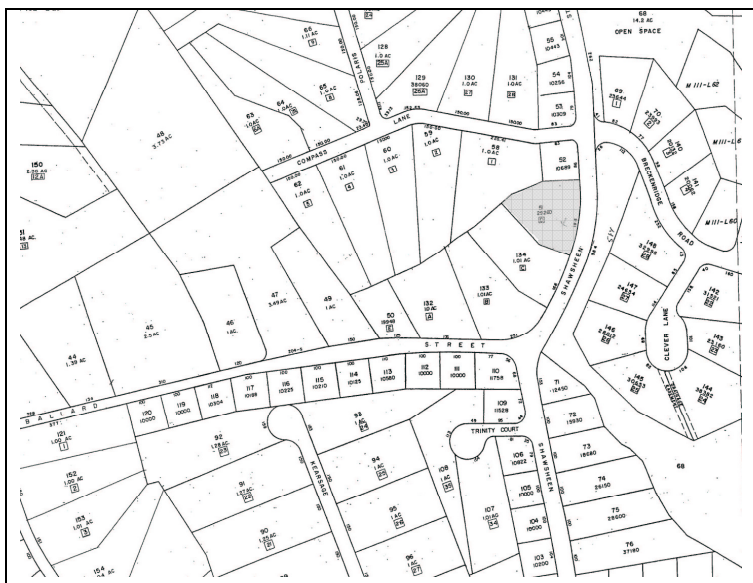
# FORM B – BUILDING

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MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING  
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD  
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

## Photograph



## Topographic or Assessor's Map



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**Town:**            Tewksbury

**Place:** (*neighborhood or village*)

**Address:**            1350 Shawsheen Street

**Historic Name:**    Kittredge House

**Uses: Present:**      Single Family Residential

                            Original:    Single Family Residential

**Date of Construction:**    c1780

**Source:**              Patton's Ask Now of the Days that are Past.

**Style/Form:**            Federal

**Architect/Builder:**

**Exterior Material:**

Foundation:          Granite

Wall/Trim:            Wood Shingles

Roof:                    Asphalt Shingles

**Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:**

**Major Alterations (with dates):**

hip roof porch (early 20<sup>th</sup> century)

front (south) two-story addition (20<sup>th</sup> century)

Loss of historic outbuildings and land (late 1960s)

**Condition:**            Fair

**Moved:** no | X |    yes | |    **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Acreage:**              0.67 Acres

**Setting:**              Located in a formerly rural area developed in the second half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century as a suburban residential area.

# INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

TEWKSBURY

1350 SHAWSHEEN STREET

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\_\_\_ Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

*If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.*

*Use as much space as necessary to complete the following entries, allowing text to flow onto additional continuation sheets.*

### ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

*Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.*

The five by two bay house at **1350 Shawsheen Street** is two-and-a-half stories in height. The L-shaped building rests on a granite foundation. The side gable dwelling has been altered by a front (south) two-story addition. A hip roof porch extends across the east elevation to the ell. A large central brick chimney pierces ridge of the asphalt shingle sheathed roof. The walls of the house are clad in wood shingles. An entrance on the east facade of the front addition, on the north end of the east facade of the main house, and on the north facade of the ell provide access to the dwelling. The front multi-pane door is flanked by narrow 1/1 sash windows and protected by a projecting hip roof hood. Windows include 6/1 replacement sash windows on the ell, 2/2 wood windows, a sliding patio door on the north elevation, and 6/6 sash windows on the front addition. A shed is located to the west of the house.

### HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

*Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building, and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.*

John Kittredge was deeded land in Tewksbury, then part of Billerica, along the Shawsheen River in 1660. According to local history his grandson Lieutenant Daniel Kittredge may have built the house near the Andover-Tewksbury Line. Lt. Daniel Kittredge was the moderator of the first Tewksbury Town Meeting and one of the first elected Selectmen. Daniel Kittredge (1697-1781) married in 1724, and it is likely that he would have built a home around this time period. From the exterior, this extant house does not appear to be an early 18<sup>th</sup> century dwelling, but interior investigations might reveal an early period of construction.

In 1964 Patton's *Ask Now of the Days that are Past* simply identifies the house as a Kittredge house built c1780. Lt. Kittredge and his wife Ruth [Shed] had twelve children. Only one, their son Ebenezer (1739-1802) appears from vital records to have outlived his parents. Several members of the family died in 1753 including Daniel's wife Ruth, their sons Benoni and Daniel Jr, and Daniel Jr's infant son Daniel.

Additional deed research would be necessary to determine which members of the Kittredge family owned the house in the first half of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. According to historic maps and atlases the house belonged in 1852 to H. Kittredge and in 1875 to the heirs of H. Kittredge. Dr. Henry A Kittredge, a distant cousin of Daniel Kittredge and the son of Dr. Henry Kittredge (1787-1847) and his wife Naomi, lived in Salem, Mass with his wife Mary. According to deed research ha also owned the house in Tewksbury. During the Civil War, Henry A Kittredge was a surgeon's assistant in Company D of the Massachusetts 30<sup>th</sup> Infantry. He served from 1861 until his death in 1862 in New Orleans at St. James Hospital, a former hotel converted to use as a Civil War hospital. His widow and their children remained in Salem for a few years and then moved to Tewksbury to live with Miss Hannah E Clark, his widow's sister, at their family home at 1534 Andover Street (TEW.33).

The house and farm were inherited by his daughter Elizabeth, his sons Francis and Simeon, and nephew George. Elizabeth, who was unmarried, through inheritance and purchase became the sole owner. She also owned additional adjacent property with Mary Manning, the daughter of James M Manning. She sold the farm in 1889. Plans in the registry of deeds indicate that a barn associated with the dwelling was located to the southeast of the house on the opposite side of Shawsheen Street. There were 33 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> acres on the east side of Shawsheen Street (the barn lot) and 37 acres on the west side of the street (the house lot). A large portion of the western side of the farm was divided by the Zygilis family. The house lot was reduced to 3.66 acres. The farm was further subdivided by the Willis' in the late 1960s.

Additional owners include: William B Burt & Charles Livingston (1889-1990); James Manley, a farmer & his wife Annie (1890-1927); Anthony & Tofilija Silkinis (1927); Peter & Helen Zygilis (1927-1944); William C, Bertha, & Evelyn Willis (1944-); Howard

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& Cleverly Weitemeyer (1974-1994); Joseph & Ellen Baxter (1994-1998); Yem Lip & Shauna Cain (1998-2006); and William & Laura Tumenas (2006-2009).

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